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REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 9-30. Reconsideration and allowance of all Claims 9-30 in light of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 9-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,398,245 to Gruse, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,619 to Downs, et al.

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 80 U.S.P.Q. 580.

As recognized by the Examiner during the interview outlined above, neither Gruse nor Downs, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest every element as recited in each of the independent claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 9-30 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the remarks presented during the telephonic interview and discussed above, formal withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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